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NOTE AND COMMENT

In an address before the Women's Canadian club in Montreal the other day, His Excellency, the Governor-General, made the proposal that there should be erected "on the point of Quebec first visible to a steamer coming up the St. Lawrence a colossal statue of the Angel of Peace, with arms out-stretched offering to clasp to her heart every new arrival from Europe."

The idea is a beautiful one, but do Canadians want it applied in its entirety? Do we want to clasp to our hearts all the possible arrivals from Europe? And if such status is appropriate at Quebec, why not put one up at Victoria as well? But let Earl Grey make such a further suggestion and he and Hon. James Dunsmuir would be in the same boat. Ideals of universal peace and brotherhood are all right, till they strike the snag of racial prejudice.

Germany is at present stirred up, as it has not been for many years back, over a libel case, which has involved some of the most powerful figures in the Fatherland and into which even the name of the Emperor's older sister has just been dragged. General Count Von Moltke, as a summary of the case in an Eastern contemporary indicates, was until May last one of the chiefs of the greatest army in the world. In that army, by the special orders of Kaiser William, he held the important post of military governor of Berlin. Early this year a Berlin journalist named Harden came into possession of evidence—or what he firmly believed to be evidence—that horrible orgies and immorality were common among a certain circle in the Court very near to the throne. In an article he wrote in his paper, Count Moltke and Prince Philip zu Eulenburg were plainly indicated as participants in these orgies.

The young Crown Prince, in defense of the honor of the German army, directed the Kaiser's attention to the Harden charges, with the result that Von Moltke was stripped of his high honors, Prince Eulenburg was publicly rebuffed by his Sovereign, and both men were ordered to prosecute Harden as the only means of restoring their good name.

One trial has been held without definite results, and a second, that of Von Moltke against Harden, is now in progress. The sort of evidence presented may be inferred from the fact that the public and press have been excluded.

The affair has shaken Germany almost as profoundly as the Dreyfus conspiracy shook France, and the Emperor quite understands that the old aristocracy is on trial, as well as the higher personnel of the army. He is determined to make gross immorality an impossibility on the part of any high Prussian or German official."

The case has very decided interest in itself but there are general details that it is particularly well worth while for us in Canada to make note of. Charges of immorality were made not long ago against one of our public men. He is still in office and he has taken no steps to prosecute the journal which accused him. To excuse himself he says that it would only give that publication the kind of notoriety that it lives on. Von Moltke could have said the same thing but it evidently would not have gone down with the Emperor. The mere fact that the charges were made in a public print, which was read by thousands of people, makes it imperative in one case as in the other that action be taken. The more irresponsible the newspaper concerned, the more need there is for punishing it, if its accusations are not based on fact. If damages cannot be recovered, its editor can at least be put in jail.

The Cranbrook (B.C.) Prospector says: "That Canadian-French treaty looks like the rottenest piece of punk ever put up in a Chinese Joss house, and is an insult to the intelligence of a Canadian Parliament."

This is the treaty that Mr. Root, the Conservative candidate in Red Deer, described the other day as "a cracking good one." There should be an interesting time in the Conservative caucus in Ottawa should Mr. Root and the Prospector's favorite candidate come together there.

The Medicine Hat Times puts this headline over its report of a municipal meeting in that city: "The annual jolly, Aldermen read figures, ratepayers don't understand them and an uninteresting discussion follows."

The picture thus given of municipal life in Medicine Hat is true of most other cities in the Dominion. Such unbusiness-like methods are followed that affairs are in a constant muddle. The ratepayer who tries to take an interest in the town or city's affairs finds it next to impossible to secure the necessary information on which to base his opinions. This general looseness opens the way to those who seek personal gain at the expense of the municipality.

One of the proposals now before the Dominion Parliament is the extension of the powers of the railway commission and the appointment of two additional commissioners. One of those mentioned as a possible selection is Mr. William Whyte of the C.P.R. It is pointed out that he would only accept the post at a financial sacrifice. But why should this be necessary? Aren't the interests of the Dominion in the matters that he would have to deal with as railway commissioner quite as big as those which he is looking after on behalf of the C.P.R.? If the country is not to continue at a disadvantage in dealing with large problems and in negotiating with large corporations, it must have in its service men who are able to cope with those who are privately employed and the only way to get such men is to pay them what they can get in private service?" A man like Mr. Whyte could accomplish very much for the Dominion on the railway commission and it would be the poorest sort of economy to let the chance of securing him pass by because we are not willing to pay him what he is worth.

Not only is there need of such men as Mr. Whyte in the service of the Dominion. The large municipalities should soon be brought to a realization of the necessity of having men who are trained to railway and industrial problems to act for them in their negotiations with other bodies. In Edmonton we have the right idea in the commissionership system but there is need for greater exertiveness on the part of those holding these posts and what is quite as important, a greater disposition on the part of the council to leave the working out of details to those holding these permanent posts. The city's affairs require that only the most competent men be placed in such positions and, once they are there, that the fullest measure of confidence be shown in them.

The agreement in regard to the C.P.R. entrance will not be submitted to the ratepayers next week as intended, the plan for the bridge having not arrived in time for proper examination. The result is fortunate. It will allow the council to go over the whole bargain and reconsider some of the features which are not wholly satisfactory.

The by-election for the purpose of filling the seat, formerly held by Ald. Walker, will take place on Monday. Three candidates are in the field, Col. E. B. Edwards, Mr. D. R. Fraser and Mr. John Galbraith. Both Col. Edwards and Mr. Fraser were supported by the Saturday News two weeks ago and each made an excellent run. Either would be a source of strength to the council.



J. PALMER COLLINS

as "Lachlan Campbell in "The Bonnie Brier Bush"
at the Edmonton Opera House, Friday and Saturday, Dec. 27 and 28.

We trust, however, that Col. Edwards will be elected. His long experience in dealing with intricate municipal problems will prove a very valuable asset to the city during the coming year.

We want to have light cast on the city's affairs and Col. Edwards will do a great deal towards effecting that object.

Edmonton doesn't need to hire any public agent. The world is being constantly informed regarding the future that lies before the city and its hinterland by those who have the ear of the public and who are not acting as part of any systematic "boost" programme. Mr. Ernest Thompson-Seton a few weeks ago took up a large part of the space of the New York Times Saturday Review in telling of the wonderful country that he traversed on his trip north from Edmonton last summer and before the Royal Geographical Society in London last week Mr. A. Harrison, an eminent English scientist who returned from the north to Edmonton early in the autumn, had much the same story to relate.

The franchise, which it is proposed to grant the American-Canadian Oil Company for supplying the city with natural gas, will be submitted to the people of Edmonton on Monday for their approval. The Saturday News has already stated its opinion that the agreement is an excellent one for the supply of what will prove a very great boon to the city. The public has been fully safe-guarded and the company deserves encouragement. As to what it has to offer, the affidavits which appear in another part of this issue and the statement of the management supply information which each ratepayer would do well to carefully consider.

For a number of years past it has been the custom of the Winnipeg Free Press to send out some souvenir which is calculated to do effective advertising work for Western Canada. The custom was introduced in 1901 with a miniature bag of No. 1 Manitoba Hard. On Tuesday there was placed on the desk of the editor of the Saturday News a diminutive barrel, labelled "Peace River Flour." It contained the product of the Hudson Bay Co.'s mill at Fort Vermilion. Accompanying it was a pamphlet which set forth in most attractive fashion the possibilities of the "new northwest" of which Edmonton is the gateway. In considering the future of that country, a fact which should be constantly borne in mind and which the Free Press booklet calls particular

attention is that as the years go by the further north the line below which cereals may be successfully grown is placed. There used to be a western limit as well. It seems incredible now that a high scientific authority should have declared "as recently as fifty years ago that wheat growing could never be made a success on this continent west of the state of Ohio. That declaration, made by John Klippert, a member of many learned societies, in his work on "The Wheat Plant," published in 1859, is one of the many interesting matters referred to in the little Free Press book.

An appendix contains up-to-date statistical information in regard to the development and progress of Western Canada, the advertising of which is novel and striking form the obvious purpose of these Christmas souvenirs. That being their purpose, they are not sent out, it is understood, to the public in Western Canada and are distributed in the east, across the line and in the old country, so as to serve most effectively as advertisements of this country. Advertising literature for Alberta and for Edmonton in particular nothing could be better.

The Vancouver Province in a recent issue had a paragraph which is not without interest to Edmonton in view of the tenant vote issue that was raised at the municipal elections. "One reason why, as a rule, English municipal government is better than that on this side of the Atlantic," says the Province, "is that the English city is really operated as a business corporation. The franchise is limited to those who have an appreciable financial interest in the city, and consequently the average of the voters is higher in intelligence, more interested in good government. The average English city elects its board of directors (councillors), who elect their president (mayor), thus carrying out the analogy to the business corporation. If our suffrage, for municipal purposes, were restricted to the actual stockholders, owners of property enough to pay an appreciable tax, our average voter would also be more intelligent."

From the Victoria Colonist, as there is in Canada, which, while it supports the Conservative cause, never loses sight of its responsibility to the country at large, we reproduce the following to show what the spirit of British Columbia is on the most vital question now before the Canadian people. Whatever we may think of the views of the people of

the Pacific province, it is evident that they must be given the closest consideration to. On this subject party lines have disappeared. The Colonist's utterance is strictly in accord with what the solid Liberal phalanx from British Columbia in the House of Commons told their fellow members the other day. The Colonist says:

"The position which the Colonist takes is that the government of Canada should ask at the hands of Parliament the authority necessary to restrict Oriental immigration. We do not profess to believe that the European and Asiatic races can be always kept apart, but we do claim that their intermingling should be regulated, and we frankly concede that this view is inspired by a very considerable extent by a belief that we are not yet strong enough in Canada to permit the free entry into this country even of our fellow subjects from India. Therefore we claim that it is the duty of the Dominion government to take the initiative in providing restrictions upon such immigration, and not to cast the onus upon the province. The Prime Minister will not long remain in doubt as to what British Columbia will do. In a little over a month the legislature will meet, and we venture the prediction that one of the first measures to be submitted will be one on the lines of the Natal Act, and that it will be passed without a division vote."

"If it is allowed to come into operation, well and good; if it is not, the people of British Columbia will forget the existence of such things as party lines and stand as one man for the enactment of a measure which will prevent a condition of things, the serious nature of which they appreciate more fully than the people of Eastern Canada. But we repeat: The duty of the Dominion government is to ask Parliament to deal with the question, and we add that, in our humble judgment, Sir Wilfrid Laurier will exhibit a limited comprehension of an important issue and show himself to be lacking in those qualities of statesmanship which even his political opponents have recognized his as possessing, if he continues to treat Oriental immigration as merely a local matter, magnified by demagogues for their own purposes, and employed by the Conservatives as a means to embarrass him. On the contrary, it is easily the most momentous question of the time."

The Beef Commission Report

The report of the beef commission was made public on Thursday. The document is a lengthy one and its recommendations are so numerous that it is unwise to attempt any general comment on the contents until next week. The outstanding feature is that the commissioners feel that the investigation has revealed so serious a state of affairs that radical action is imperative. They found a universal complaint that the meat industry was not on a paying basis. Among the producers of pork there was "an absolute dissatisfaction due to a lack of confidence in the market."

"From the evidence" the commissioners say, "we are forced to believe that there is a monopoly in the industry and that the privilege has been abused."

Their recommendation is that the government consider the advisability of assisting in the erection of at least one pork packing plant to be located in the district between Calgary and Edmonton." If this proves a success one might be started in the southern part of the province later.

As to the beef trade, the report emphasizes the necessity of improving the quality of cattle for export and recommends that the government establish three cattle feeding experiment stations. The producer, it is held, has a decided grievance in not being able to dispose of the poorer class of stock to advantage, but, according to the commissioners, it would not be wise for the government to establish a canning factory until those in course of erection at Edmonton and Medicine Hat are

given a trial. If the operation of these does not give satisfactory results, it would then be wise for the government to go on with the erection of a plant.

Mr. Burns's own evidence is cited as proof that the retail meat trade of the province is in a monopolistic state but there has been no direct proof that his company used doubtful methods in order to establish trade in the various towns.

A large part of the report is given up to the question of improving conditions for the small shipper. Almost invariably he has exported at a loss. The treatment that he has received in many cases at the hands of the C.P.R. is described as nothing short of outrageous. The railway commission should be asked to compel the C.P.R. to run a weekly scheduled stock train, which would have the right of way after passenger trains and its rate of speed be at least 20 miles an hour. It should be made unlawful for the railway to carry stock more than 42 hours without unloading. The charge that there has been unreasonable delay on the part of the C.P.R. in supplying cars to shippers is held to be proven, also that Gordon, Ironsides and Co. have received favors at the expense of those unable to bear it.

The appointment of a live stock commissioner by the provincial government, who will attend to the marketing of Alberta export cattle, is recommended.

As to the chilled meat trade, evidence is cited which goes to show that should the government undertake to establish it, the meat industry would be placed on an altogether new basis, but the commissioners find that their investigations have not been sufficiently complete in this connection to warrant them in making any recommendations.

As to the alleged combination among buyers, the commissioners cannot find any evidence of this in contravention of the criminal code. One reason why there is not more competition in buying, is that buyers cannot handle with profit the poor class of animals offered for sale. With an improvement in quality, there would be greater demand and consequently more competition.

As to the shrinkage system, it is described as simply robbery, while the system of brand inspection is not only worthless from a protective standpoint but works out an absolute injustice to the shipper.

Considerable space in the first part of the report is given up to the sheep question. The large importations of mutton indicate the unsatisfactory state of the industry in the province. The government should take active steps to encourage it by undertaking sheep feeding experiments in connection with feeding experiment stations.

All in all, the report makes a very readable document and will give rise to a discussion which is sure to lead eventually to results, which will prove of benefit to one of the great industries of the province.

A. W. Poston, Dominion surveyor and party reached Edmonton from the north at the end of the week.

Mr. J. A. Macartney, who is the proprietor of a large and prosperous store in the flourishing town of Hartley, was a visitor to Edmonton this week, stopping at the Alberta.

An Indian Head despatch says: Archibald Mitchell has accepted a position with the forestry branch of the Dominion department of the interior in connection with the present system of tree planting work on the prairies. Mr. Mitchell at present is in the service of the department of agriculture for the province of Alberta. He is a man of considerable experience in forestry work, having spent many years in the capacity of forester on large estates in Scotland and Wales.

Mr. John Barnett, formerly of the law firm, Emery, Newell and Bolton of Edmonton, is the successor to the law practice of Judge Carpenter in Innisfail. Mr. Barnett is graduate of Dalhousie University, Halifax, both from art and law departments.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28
THE FIRST LINK IN
THE CHAIN.

The private car of Mr. Frank W. Morse, the general manager, has been out over the first finished division of the new skeleton track from Portage la Prairie to Rivers and the speed recorder registered a mile a minute over the new track. Most of the railways of the American west were built hurriedly, two furrows being ploughed across the prairie or desert, the ties thrown down, and the loose dirt tamped down. The skeleton track of the Canadian would be turned over to the operating department, and the track finished between the passing of the trains, so eager were the builders to reach tide water on the Pacific.

The Grand Trunk Pacific are building and finishing as they go, and when this division was turned over to the operating department, the men were able to whirl wheat cars along these dark-red revenue-earners along the new line with the speed of an express train.

The writer has just had the pleasure of riding over the first finished division with Mr. Winter, the general superintendent of his track.

With the exception of the first

division, the line is practically a level

one throughout the length of the wheat district. All the way the blue-colored ballast is spread

smooth and wide along the main line

and the skeleton track is built

so that it would be known

before he was travelling over a track that was just being finished for fast

trains. And while John Riordan, the track expert, is putting the polish

and the pumice on the first section

the track laying machine, that great

bulldozer, is being used to lay

the skeleton track, the men

are using their hands to

smooth and compact the

soil under the rails.

Robert Ireland, as Dr. McLaren and

Lachlan Campbell's friend, presented

his part well. "Tammies Mitchell,"

Music and the Drama

THE BONNIE BRIER BUSH.

As the Saturday News goes to press, the lovers of what is best in the drama are eagerly looking forward to the two productions of "The Bonnie Brier Bush" on Friday and Saturday evenings of this week at the Edmonton Opera House. Everywhere that the company has gone it has delighted those who have witnessed its work.

We quote the following from the Fort William Daily Times Journal: "After all that has been said and written about the dramatic production from Ian MacLaren's "Bonnie Brier Bush," it is difficult for any of us to add anything more. The play is a good one, and we may all expect something out of the ordinary, something better and more satisfying than we have had the opportunity of seeing and enjoying before. Sufficient for us to say that we were not disappointed. The play has fully sustained its reputation."

"Over the large audience last evening at the Auditorium there swept a wave of appreciation, after the first act, that must have been gratifying evidence to the actors that their efforts were fully appreciated and their talent recognized. Laughlin Campbell, as portrayed by Mr. Collins is a living reality. He is a bit old man, and would do well to upon the indications of the audience that it lies under his spell to will and to do at his pleasure. Mr. Collins has a great grasp of the character Ian MacLaren created with his magic pen.

"Posty," how we all loved his jolly round face! He held only to the audience, and to the stage a span of mirth sweep over the entire tribe. But his jolly face put one in mind of an Irishman more than a Scotshman! "Posty was all right," was the universal verdict of the audience, and to that wide spread opinion we hold in well pleased opinion to add our own.

Officers, servants, etc. The proceeds go to the Edmonton Senior Wanderers Amateur Hockey Club and no one should miss it.

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THE ELEVENTH HOUR.
(Richmond Times Dispatch.)

He pushed along the crowded, frantic street.

He jammed his person through the hurly-burly;

And as the thousands trod upon his feet

He moaned: "I meant to do my shopping early."

And someone swayed and fainted close beside.

And there—'twas a pretty, winsome girlie.

They brought her to with water and she sighed:

"You see, I should have done my shopping early."

The little tot was tired out, alack! The tear-drops course his cheeks, and they were pearly

As his mother tossed him on her back,

He shrieked: "I wish I'd done my pwesters early."

A lady at the counter screamed and died—

Poor thing! the throngs had made her fall whilry;

And just before she passed away she cried:

"I think you might have done your shopping early!"

The poet recited his ballad of advice.

And tore his locks. (which 'grew to rhyme) quite curly,

And yelled: "I'll have to quit this in a trice!

By Heck! I meant to do my shopping early."

A London dispatch tells us that Mr. Otto St. John, the well-known violinist, theatrical lion in the metropolis, by starting what he calls an all-night theatre for those who prefer to spend their evenings in other ways and go to the play afterwards.

The curtain rises at 12.30 and carriages are ordered for 2.30. How many times have I pointed out that Londoners are so fond of the play when they claim to be introducing something new are merely following Edmonton. You remember how that duck-shooting-in-the-mud-puddle joke which originated on McDougall avenue was taken up a month or so later by the reputedly smart Parisians. And in Edmonton, away last June we had the novelties that London is now talking about introduced by Mrs. Fiske.

"Sherlock Holmes," either in Conan Doyle's fascinating pages or on the stage, is a figure which will, on the stage, be attractive for many generations to a great variety of people. That, however, is given up by the London Opera House last week was one of the best of an exceedingly good repertoire. While affording many a pleasant moment, I actually believe that in addition, these stories have done a great deal to make people more observant. The French newspapers related the other day that the English were now talking Paris from Marseilles and Lyons.

The cab man who brought him from the station to the hotel addressed him by his name. Doyle was surprised and asked how he knew. The cabman replied that he had read in his paper that the famous Conan Doyle would come from Marseilles and Lyons and he had been surprised once that the stranger's hair was cut by a Marseilles barber, and that on the heel of his left shoe was dirt from Lyons. Doyle was highly satisfied to see that his "Sherlock Holmes" method proved so successful. The great detective mind then asked whether the theories of man and woman symptom which had led to his recognition. "Yes," said the cab man, finally, "your full name is painted on your trunk."

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"Of course I should," said a friend, "would you give me one?" "Of course," replied the Socialist. "And if you had two pigs would you give me one of them?"

"Of course I should."

"Well, supposing now," said the friend slowly, "you had two pigs, would you give me one of them?"

"Eh, this is gettin' over hear home," said the other shilly, "the know's I've got two pigs."

At this season of the year when young men, in the midst of family gatherings and with mirthless and other suggestions of light-headedness near at hand, are apt to do things which will regret later and bring them down to the floor of sorrow, it would be a very kindly and timely act for me to reproduce a story which I read the other day in the "Memoirs of the Countess de Boigne." The incident happened during her stay in Rome in the latter years of the eighteenth century.

It is related that a well-known Englishman, handsome, clever, of high social position, and immensely rich, fell in love with Miss Taylor who could bring her husband nothing but her pretty face. Mr. Walbran Bott, however, aspired to obtain her hand, and easily obtained her consent. The marriage day had arrived. At a late hour, in Lord Camelford's conversation turned upon an ascent that had been made in the morning to the cross upon the dome of St. Peter's. To pass the cross, it was necessary to pass outside the hall. Mr. Walbran Bott said that he did not possess a steady head, would never be able to pass the cross, and that nothing in the world would induce him to try.

"Nothing in the world," said Miss Taylor.

"Nothing, I can assure you."

"What, not even if I were to ask you?"

"You would not ask me to do a thing for which I frankly admit my duty."

"Excuse me, I do ask you, I beg of you, and, if necessary, I insist."

Mr. Walbran Bott attempted to laugh the matter off, but Miss Taylor insisted, notwithstanding the interference of Lord Camelford.

The wedding was to be held the day following at St. Peter's to watch the performance of the task imposed upon the young man. He performed his trial with great coolness, and when he came down the triumphal beauty came forward with outstretched hand; he took her hand, kissed it, and said: "Miss Taylor, I have obeyed the whims of a charming girl. Permit me now, in return to give you a piece of advice: if you wish to keep your power, never misuse it. I wish you all prosperity, and now goodbye."

Sunny Alberta.

R. R. Davidson has been appointed principal of Westminster School, Lethbridge, in succession to W. C. Rogers, who has resigned.

The Red Deer Advocate says: "The Protection of Alberta Temperance and Moral Reform League, J. D. Blaney, Edmonton; Rev. C. B. Buchanan, Calgary; Rev. G. R. Laing, Olds; Rev. G. G. Webber, Innisfail; and Mrs. McKinley Claresholm—met at Red Deer and offered the position of Field Secretary to Rev. W. G. Fortune, Rev. Red Deer, at a salary of \$2000 a year, and expenses. Mr. Fortune did not give a decided answer, but will consult his officials. The offer came entirely unsolicited, and is a recognition of Mr. Fortune's energy and zeal in these causes, and of his ability as an organizer. He would not leave Red Deer for some time at least, if he accepts the position."

The Lethbridge News says: "Coroner Highbom received a letter from J. K. Cornwall, the well-known fur trader and rancher of Lesser Slave Lake, giving some information about one James Jeffries, who answered the description of the dead body found near Milk River by the Mounted Police last Saturday. The coroner said that this man Jeffries, an Englishman, wintered some cattle for him in the Peace River country one year. Also that he was a "queer" sort of person. He got into trouble up north for shooting a stallion and left scurried on the door jamb of the ranch house where he worked, the following lines:

"I am waiting in my wigwam,
For the coming of the spring;
The wild flowers are blooming in the vale,
I am watching from my wigwam.

For the wild geese on the wing,
Then I'll gather up my traps and hit the trail.

Coroner Highbom handed this letter to Supt. Wilson, Oliver Playle of Pincher Creek, a short time ago, also sent a close description of the same man, but there were some marked differences between him and the man whose "dead" was found, so the police do not place much stock in Mr. Cornwall's letter as in an way tending to clear up the mystery as to the dead man's identification."

An inquest before W. H. T. Scarfe appeared before D. Mitchell, J. P., to answer to the charge of using bridges and culverts in connection with the movement of steam traction engines with firewood, logs or timber as called for in sub-section 4 of section 61 of the Act Respecting Public Works. The charge was laid by Local Improvement District No. 18-W-4 and defendant pleaded guilty. In summing up the case the magistrate stated that defendant was liable to a penalty of \$50 and costs, but as the local improvement district wished for a conviction mainly as a warning to the trespassers of this district he would impose a fine of \$5 and \$6.65 costs, in all \$11.65.

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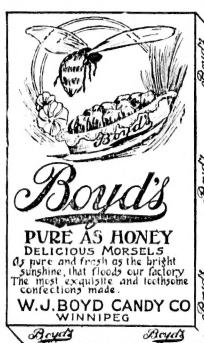
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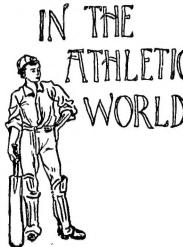
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strength.

On the other side of the river the
Edmonton amateurs defeated those
of Strathcona by 5 to 1. Huston,
Hampton and Ritchie, Strathcona
players of other years, figure with
the new organization. Arnold John-
ston is with Edmonton but most of
the others were comparatively new
to the game. The play was clean
and fast and both clubs should make
a good showing with those of the
rest of the province.

Alberta has at last had cold
enough weather to allow the winter
sports to commence and hockey and
curling are now in full swing. In
Edmonton the old curling rink is

again in commission and each evening
sees a large crowd of devotees of
the grand old sport gathered
there.

Christmas Day for many years

past has seen a hockey match be-
tween Edmonton and Strathcona.

This year it saw two. Before an

immense crowd at the Thistle rink

the professional teams of the two

cities put on a first class exhibition.

Edmonton winning by 9-7. On both

sides were men whom the enthusiasts

of other years had cheered

themselves hoarse for. Barfoot was

at point for Edmonton and Deeton

and Campbell on the Strathcona

Raith was at point for Strathcona

and McLeod and McArthur among

the forwards. Each was captained

A most successful banquet was
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A plan is on foot to purchase the
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communicated with Lieutenant
Governor Bulyea regarding the matter,
and he has called on the Edmonton
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the matter. The co-operation
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counts, and the nature of the securities
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THE MIRROR

(Continued from page 7)
HOME AND SOCIETY

To London Town from Babylon
The pageant of the world goes by
For you, for you, I pause and say
A Stander by!

Gazing out of the window as
with a thrill, it strikes me that
the conditions obtaining out of doors
very adequately describe the state
of affairs in the social world for
the week just past. Showed under

Showed under such a mad, merry
hustling about preparing for the
day; buried beneath such a tremen-
dous exchange of gift making and
gift taking, turned out of doors by
dinner parties, reunions and such
particular entertainments that the
mention of a "tear" becomes an out-
rage, and the idea of writing social
"copy" the deadliest of bores.

Enough that the most of us
have been very, very happy; have had
much cause for thankfulness and
made much of our time by
going gadding and sauntering from ships
of whom far distant and almost
forgotten—"ships that pass in the
night," and that at this time of year
if no other, "salute each other in
passing."

Everyone who could muster up a

turkey and annex a plum, padding
of course, for Christmas dinner
and a few families down with

out one or more "strayed" or
"lonelys." Some day we hope some
one will gather in like fashion
our boys for Christmas dinner out
side a family circle, a ghost of a
meal, a very fraud of a feast. Of
course there were Christmas trees—
a very forest of them, and Santa
all the time, with his head and in wonderful manner man-
aged to give everyone "just the
thing" he or she wanted. It's a way
he has, blushing him a nice old-fashioned
joined up-to-date way that we hope
time will never witness nor custom
stale.

But perhaps the most unique social
happening of the week was Mrs. Cautley's "Baby" party, given in
honor of her wee daughter, at
Beeton with much state and
ceremony on Tuesday afternoon.

Owing to their extreme youthfulness,
these tiny girls and I have no
doubt their future beau-to-be, ar-
rived in each case accompanied by
their adoring mothers—and such a
gathering of youth and beauty, eye
witnesses assure me, never graced
a party in Edmonton. The Trocks

Mr. Mowat Biggar is also away,
having left on Christmas night for
Toronto, where he will attend his
sister's wedding to Mr. Robinson,
on Dec. 31st, afterwards remaining
for a two week's visit.

As the Golf dance occurs too late
in the week for mention in these
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and which were never to be ex-
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bers of the Association.

OBJECTS OF THE A.F.A.
(Extract from the constitution of
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This Association is not a political
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sociation shall be—

(1) To forward the interests of
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stock in every honorable and
conscientious way.

(2) To hold meetings for the dis-
cussion of subjects pertaining to
the production of grain and live
stock, and the best means of
marketing the same.

(3) To encourage the production
of superior varieties of grain,
and the breeding and rearing of
improved stock.

(4) To encourage the establish-
ment of industries which will
give the producer greater fac-
ilities for marketing his produce.

(5) To obtain by united effort
profitable and equitable prices
for farm produce.

(6) To watch legislation relating
to the farmers' interests, partic-
ularly that affecting the mar-
keting and transportation of
farm produce.

(7) To suggest to Parliament
from time to time as it is
found necessary through duly
appointed delegates, the pass-
ing of any new legislation to
meet changing conditions and
requirements.

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follows:

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President, Thomas H. Woolford
Cardston; Secretary—treasurer,
W. F. Stevens; Clover Bar,
Districts—George A. McLeod,
Strathcona; Rice Sheppard,
Strathcona; Henry Jamison,
Red Deer; George MacDonald,
Olds; T. W. Harris, Raymond;
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Saskatoon 15.00 8.50 12.00
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Daysland 16.20 9.18 12.96

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PRICES IN DAYSLAND.

The secretary of the A.F.A. is in
receipt of a letter from Chas. Berg-
quist, local secretary at Daysland in
which he states that on Dec. 31st, 1907, wheat was selling
for 18c per bushel.

There are those who complain that
the farmers are being spoon fed; it
may be the case but they are using
a very small spoon out in Daysland.

**EDUCATION AND SPECU-
LATION.**

Editor Saturday News.

Dear Sir—As I see you give space
in your paper in regard to education
and I have perused the article and
seen a few words also. I have been in
this country for nearly nine years,
and in all that time my children
have had no chance to be in school.
My eldest boy is 11 years old in De-
cember. Why? Simply because
there is too much land held for
speculation and so many people
having homesteads who do not live
on them, but try to do their duty
from their place of business. As
soon as they get their patent, there
the land lies idle. What benefit is
that to the country, and what few
are left scattered all over and are
willing to try to improve their
land do not feel as though
they are wasting their lives. They
have to raise their children on with-
out an education to go out into the
world and not be able to take their
place in civic or public affairs.

Some of these people are driven to
town or some other place to try and
educate their children, but not all
can afford to leave their homes and

D. S. Fulton, Edmonton, E. G. Walker,
Strathcona, W. Dean, Strathcona.

Delegates to the annual conven-
tion of the central association, to
be held in Edmonton on the 8th and
9th of January, were elected as fol-
lows: A. G. McLeod, J. Govenlock,
T. Daly, R. Sheppard, G. Ball,
F. Herbert, W. Lang, J. Fletcher.

The meeting voted in favor of
holding a seed grain fair in Edmon-
ton, and appointed a committee as
follows: T. Daly, G. Ball, M. Snell-
ter, J. Govenlock, and Sec. R. Shep-
pard.

OUR PROSPEROUS FARMERS!

The arguments and figures which are
now appearing in the press of
the country go to show that the
farmers are as well or better off
this year than they were last,
reminds us of a story we heard
several years ago at a political
meeting at which Sir John McLeod
and Sir George Lumsden were
the principal speakers. Sir John had
devoted most of his time to submit-
ting figures to show that the Dominion
was in a prosperous condition and
Sir Wilfrid in replying to them
said: "If we were really enjoying
the degree of prosperity claimed,
we would not need all these figures
in our pockets." But when taking
into account the figures submitted and
inquiring into the facts behind them, we
find that the compilers are none too
careful in their investigations. Had
prices stayed where they were two
months ago, the statement that the
farmers as a rule are as well off as
they claim is true, but the prices have
not stayed there; and to the extent that they have fallen, is the farmer worse off than he was
at this time last year. It is useless
to quote the prices of No. 2 oats today
as compared with December 1906, be-
cause nearly every one of the
No. 2 oats while today's price is
marked thus far have been graded
out of account on account of frost,
and the price has slumped from 35c
to 20c per bushel. This puts the
oats the farmer raised in 1907, 2c
below the price he received for what
he raised in 1906. But this is not
his only disadvantage. The number
of oats he has obtained from the
given acre has been on an average
1.3 less and the weight per
measured bushel 1.8 to 1.10 less.

We have real crop reports during
the past season which, after we had
ascertained the facts, sounded very
funny. We read of one man whose
crop of oats averaged 15 bushels
per acre. The fact is that 30
bushels per acre is the average
crop of oats from 100 acres of land, an
acre which did not yield 15 bushels
per acre. Another report was of a
farmer who had threshed 8,000 bushels
of oats from 100 acres of land, an
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We have no desire to act the part
of a knocker, but we have no inten-
tion of playing ostrich with a view
to keep the facts from the public.
The fact is that outside the winter
wheat the farmers are not as
well off as they were a year ago,
even though in that belt they are by
no means as well off as they are expected.

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Over graceful fields by the moon-light blessed
Where the white-winged silence dwells,
And through the hush of the city streets
Rings the music of New Year's bells.
There is home to my soul on the silver chimnes
A message of peace and pain,
A smile for the new—and a tear for the old,
That can never be mine again.

Good-bye, Old Year, you have done your part,
You are needed no longer now;
Grim Time will bury deep out of sight
Your furrowed and pain drawn brow.

We used you hardly, perhaps, and God knows that we meant you well
When we ran to meet you a year ago;
And you rang our sad heart's knell.
Old Year, You rang our sad heart's knell.

"Of all sounds of all bells (both the music highest bordering upon heaven)—most solemn and touching is the peal which rings out the Old Year. I never hear it without a gathering up of my mind to a concentration of all the images that have been diffused over the past twelve months. All I have performed, I have done poorly, I have neglected, in that regretted time. I begin to know its worth, as when a person dies."

So wrote the most charming essayist of his, or any other, times, gentle, sweetheated, whimsical Charles Lamb, who, because he suffered greatly, took his happiness in full measure, a man not given to sermonizing, you will admit, but acknowledging to supreme sadness when he heard the bells ring out the death knell of the year, the year that however sorrow-crowned, however much of failure it had held, was still an old and dear friend.

Later, when you will read the copy from which I have quoted, that on "New Year's Eve," you will see how the thoughts of the tolling of the bells naturally brought to mind the idea of Death, and that the whole article is tinged with a tender regret that leaves gently clasped and in the mood for musical intermission.

"As when a person dies." You know the crushing sensation. The crying out of your heart that you have never meant the half the sadness you may have unwittingly caused the dear departed. The awful longing that assails you when you are living at the start of your life over again, that you may be what you have never been, because you were naturally human and erring. It is as if you sat before the glass, another Lady of Shalott, and watched the shadows of the year appear. Failures, successes, meannesses, patricrimes, the fears of your unmeasured tongue a grim procession, that ghost-like on the approach of their conquering successors walk yet once again to fix themselves in your memory.

In such wise I set myself the task of looking over the reflections that have appealed to me in this year's passing, the year just gone, a formidable number, and as I turned them over one by one, I was brought to a realization of how the marvellous story of how our lives continues itself on the same lines year by year, chapter after chapter.

The titles to these were many and varied, the passing event on the transient conditions obtaining while the thoughts took form were new and vivid, but there remained the skeleton of one unending tale upon which each new year had hung a garment after its own fashion. Birth, life, death, struggle, war, peace, the same laughter, the same tears; the same joys, the same heroism, the same horrors.

No wonder that we are so kin in unity with the past, nor is it so strange that the future is so a part of the present. Will there come a time when men and women will love and hate after a different fashion? Must all children's joys and sorrows reflect ours? Will there not be those of the generations gone?

"What wonderful changes time has wrought," we say one to the other! But we open the new doors of unfamiliar dwellings to find the same sweet harmony attuning itself at love's command.

One day it comes, to-morrow the depression of a great financial stringency; the next year will find it changed. It changed, but the book of life needs no new title nor even a fresh volume; the heart of man and the passions which uplift him or destroy him, maintain their place.

And there is the same unimportant column, if it is the song of the coming spring, or the chirp of the cricket on the hearth, which wins a reader's momentary attention, it is not of whom or of what the writer tries to speak that carries his eyes

down the brief paragraphs, but that thread of kinship which he recognizes and makes him say: "Yes, that is true, I have often noticed it myself, and my mother enjoyed it after the same fashion."

We are sorry enough for many a thing done in these passing years—they will make startling episodes in the Great Book of history, but have to be glad, for facts that will not make us out too sorry figures in the long serial, or tempt those who come after us to skip our little chapters. It is as if the red roses of last June and that of many Junes before that, come back to us, just as we wait in an interesting book for the return of the character that has been off the stage while the needful complement of other characters enacted their parts. Let us not fancy that red roses have ceased to bloom because one cannot find them in December. The strong current of vital life-blood will reappear when time gives us a chance.

Meantime, the new year just on the threshold, be a bright and prosperous one for our brave little city, may each of us have a Bright and Happy New Year as my heartfelt wish for you.

A CHRISTMAS TRAGEDY.

Not having sense enough to know when I was beaten, and with the day forty eight hours past for which I would send you greetings, I still insist on running in the end of my Christmas article, which thanks to the kindness of our make up man was last week cut out. Better than I can describe, you may perhaps imagine, my feelings last Friday night on picking up our paper to discover that the Christmas article I had written with a whole world of love in my heart, with such pains that no one should be forgotten, lay blazoned forth minus a single Merry Christmas to any of you. I am not often at a loss for words but this little tragedy in my journalistic life, this mutilation of something I had spent time and love on, stirred me up to a degree that that night I went to bed ill—I'm not saying that IT was the cause and I'm not saying it wasn't—enough that ill I went to bed and there I have remained, blessing all make-up men from the bottom of my heart.

And Saturday night, you see what tricks the gods play on us, along came a note from a prominent professional man, with a warm word of appreciation for my poor disfigured Christmas child, which sent me up into the clouds again and cheered me on nothing else could have done.

"Dear Peggy," wrote this kindly, big-hearted Westerner "may I not congratulate you on your Christmas article in to-day's Saturday News?" "You never did anything better" followed by a comparison to a woman's newspaper work who stands to the rest of us, as the little tigress of our profession.

You may be knowing the brief note, with its world of cheer and Christmas wishes, lies along with other treasures in my personal scrap-book my Vanity book it might be better termed to which I turn for comfort when days are dark and I am inclined to be cynical.

A thousand good wishes in return to you and yours, H. J. D., and a Happy and Prosperous New Year. And now because I am afraid they may be again crowded out:

To all and each of you my Christmas greetings. To far-away home-steaders, to lonely bachelors, to homesick girls and down-in-their-luck boys, to sorrowful ones, to the sick, to fortunate kiddies but most of all to those wee ones whom Santa because he is over-worked will sometimes forget. A Merry Christmas to Everyone.

"I have always thought of Christmas time, when it has come round apart from the veneration due to its sacred name and origin, if anything belonging to it can be apart from that—as a good time; a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time; the only time I know of in the long calendar of the year, when men and women seem by one consent to open their shut-up hearts freely, and to think of people below them as if they really were fellow-passengers to the grave, and not another race of creatures bound on other journeys."

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Mr. Thomson Seton's Prophecy.

The following are extracts from an interview given by Mr. Thomson Seton to the New York Times on his return from the summer spent in the hinterland of Alberta:

"He became positively enthusiastic in describing the resources and boundless future possibilities of Alberta and Assiniboin, the "jumping off places" from which he ventured into the unknown regions about Great Slave and Aylmer Lakes."

"About Fort Liard," he declared again tracing an imaginary line across his map, followed by the visitor's attractive eyes, "there will be in future the finest wheat country in the world. Thousands and thousands of Americans are already going to Alberta to settle. Those who know call it the Promised Land."

"I can assure you that, in travelling through this region, I saw no abandoned homesteads. Along the Peace River, for instance, one of the headwaters of the Mackenzie, the country has a splendid future. It is simply waiting for railroads to be built."

After this burst of prophecy, the

explorer's thoughts reverted to the Far North—a north compared with which, he himself put it, Winnipeg and Alberta and Assiniboin are "tropical."

"In the region further south the settlers who come from the United States are more successful than any others, being both intelligent and experienced. Hence they are very welcome."

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"Already American settlers have advanced right up to the lower Peace River. It is said that 30,000 families of them settled in the region in one year."

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2. That I did at the request of H. L. Williams, manager of the American-Canadian Oil Company visit a certain well that said American-Canadian Oil Co. is now drilling on the south east quarter section thirteen (13) township fifty-six (56) range twenty-six (26) West of the fourth (4) meridian.

3. That I found gas escaping from said well in large quantities from a fourteen inch pipe.

4. That when said gas was lighted it burned with a steady flame of over twenty (20) feet in height from the pipe from which it was flowing.

5. That, from my residence, half mile away from the well, I could hear very plainly the roar made by the gas which was escaping in large quantities from the said well.

Sworn before me at Morinville, in the province of Alberta, this 28th day of August A.D. 1907.

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WE HAVE THE GAS

Price will not exceed 20c. per 1000 cubic feet

Thus manufacturers will be encouraged to locate, increasing the employment of labour and reducing the cost of living. It naturally follows that property values will increase.

OUR FRANCHISE is NON-EXCLUSIVE, nor do we want any outlay from the City

This is one of Edmonton's Assets, VOTE FOR IT on Monday

H. L. WILLIAMS, Manager

CANADA
Province of Alberta.

To Wit:

We, C. D. Bartholomew, laborer, A. Benjamin, laborer, P. A. Danger, laborer, M. Guertin, gentleman, and Alcide Guertin, formerly hotel keeper, all of Morinville, in the Province of Alberta, Canada,

MAKE OATH AND SAY:

1. That we did at the request of H. L. Williams, Manager of the American-Canadian Oil Company visit a certain well that said American-Canadian Oil Co. is now drilling on the south east quarter of section thirteen (13) township fifty-six (56) range twenty-six (26) West of the fourth (4) meridian.

2. That gas was escaping from said well through a fourteen inch pipe in large quantities.

3. That when said gas was lighted it burned with a steady flame of over twenty (20) feet from the pipe from which said gas was flowing.

SWORN BEFORE ME AT Morinville, in the Province of Alberta, this 28th day of Aug. A.D. 1907.

C. D. Bartholomew
A. Benjamin
P. A. Danger
M. Guertin
Alcide Guertin

Omer St. German
A Notary Public in and for the Province of Alberta.